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This is a continuation patent application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) of prior application Serial No. 09/000,330 filed on May 20, 1998.

Claims 1 to 5 are now pending in this application.

This opportunity is taken to thank the Examiner for acknowledging the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. §119, and receipt of the certified copy of International Application No. PCT/JP96/02133, in substantiation of that claim.

In view of the amendments, remarks and attachment, the present application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application and, prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

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